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361 Among the Chinese of Kuldja there are
775 about eighty persons who are Christians and call themselves Catholics. They have a small church in the form of a chapel, located on the edge of the town. Inside the chapel is a litograph picture of the Mother of God, the Crucifixion, two copper candlesticks and a Latin bible.

In general the Kuldja "Catholics" are very insecure in the foundations of their faith. They wear crucifixes around their necks, and read prayers /434/ in Latin. When they appear before the authorities with a plea they set their crucifixes outside.

In the houses of the Kuldja Catholics one sees on the walls an image of the cross instead of icons. In addition, one may also see from time to time rosaries with a crucifix, or a palm on which a crucifix hangs.

[799] Christianity was brought to Kuldja by French missionaries, who came here from Peking.

361 Here are the statistical data for the number of houses and population in Kuldja. In 1872 there were in Kuldja:

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Eastern Orthodox Churches	1
Roman Catholic Churches	1
Chinese temples of idols	2
Mosques	36
Houses	1,258
Total number of buildings	1,298

361 The population of Kuldja divides accord-
162 ing to peoples and estates in the following manner.